Inpractice Regular Practice Review

Information letter for employers

Dear

Your employee _________________________________ has been selected to participate in a Regular Practice Review (RPR) process as part of their continuing professional development requirements under the Inpractice Recertification Programme.

Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA) the Medical Council of New Zealand has the responsibility to ensure that all practising doctors are competent and fit to practise medicine. The Medical Council accepts satisfactory participation in approved recertification programmes, such as the Inpractice recertification programme, as sufficient proof of a doctor’s ongoing competence and fitness to practise for recertification purposes. The Inpractice recertification programme was approved by the Medical Council on the basis that regular practice visits were included as part of the Inpractice recertification programme.

Only the participating doctor, the Inpractice RPR assessor, and the Inpractice medical adviser will have access to the information generated during the practice visit. Employers and/or hospitals are not privy to the information collected and created during the RPR process.

As part of this process an Inpractice RPR reviewer (an experienced, vocationally registered medical practitioner) will visit the participating doctor to review their practice over the course of a day. This practice visit will take place in the doctor’s usual practice setting, typically taking around 5 to 6 hours to complete. It will involve observing the doctor in consultation with patients, records review, direct observation of procedural skills (where appropriate) and in depth discussions with the doctor.

There will be some disruption to practice on the day of the visit and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. The doctor is required to set aside time for introductory and concluding interviews when he/she will be unavailable to patients. The doctor is also required to be observed during consultations with consenting patients, and to have patient medical records organised for the assessor to review.

More information about the process can be found on the Inpractice website www.inpractice.org.nz alternatively you are welcome to contact the Inpractice team directly on 0800 884 889

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